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Michael Friedman, Commissioner U.S. Food and Drug Administration Dockets Management Branch Rm. 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Dr. Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Friedman:

I am writing to ask that you support the petition that is now before the FDA that will classify meat from downed animals as adulterated. This petition will serve two positive goals: it will help to alleviate the extreme suffering of downed animals that are left to die slowly, with no medical attention, and it will help to reduce the risk of contaminated meat from diseased cattle. Please act on this petition, docket number 98P-0151/CP1, and support the very important changes it will make.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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